

Oak Hall

Travelling to Israel

We are so glad you are coming with us to Israel! This document will help you understand the current travel requirements. It gives details for those living in England who hold a British Citizen passport, are flying directly to/from Israel on the advertised dates of the holiday and have been in the UK for at least 14 days before departing. If this does not apply (e.g, if you live in a different part of the UK or are flying independently from another country), the rules may be different and the details can be found online.

Please read all the details below now so that you have time to take action before you depart the UK.

1. OBTAIN AN NHS COVID CERTIFICATE

Everyone will need to bring a certificate showing that you have been fully vaccinated with a Covid vaccine (which is two doses for most vaccines) for entry to Israel. The accepted vaccines include Pfizer, AstraZeneca and Moderna. For other vaccines, please check with the Israeli embassy.

You should have had your most recent dose (second dose or booster) more than 15 days ago when you arrive in Israel. The date of this dose also needs to have been within 180 days on the day you leave Israel.

There are two easy options to obtain the vaccination certificate for travel:

1) Calling 119 to request for a certificate to be posted to you. Allow 5 working days for it to arrive. If you already have a certificate, please ensure that it is dated after 1st November 2021.

2) An electronic certificate via <https://covid-status.service.nhs.uk> or through the NHS app (which is different to the NHS Covid App). We would recommend printing the pdf of your certificate. The online certificate is valid for 30 days, so it would be best to print it within 2 weeks of our departure date.

Please note that the NHS appointment card given at vaccination centres cannot be used for travel.

It is important that the name on your passport matches the name on your vaccination certificate (but it is worth noting that middle names are not shown on the certificate).

2. TAKE A COVID TEST

Please take a PCR test in the 72 hours before the flight to Israel or an antigen test within the 24 hours before the flight. This should be carried out by a professional sampler at a clinic (i.e. you aren't able to use the free NHS tests or a paid-for home test kit). You should receive the result before checking in for the flight and the certificate should show your passport number. We do not have links with any particular companies but you may find this website helpful:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/how-to-find-the-cheapest-private-coronavirus-tests-for-travel/>

3. COMPLETE THE ISRAELI ENTRY FORM

Please complete the online form for Israel within 48 hours of the flight: <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/flights/>
You will need some additional information, such as a group confirmation code, which we will e-mail to you nearer the time.

4. PRE-BOOK A SECOND PCR TEST

After you have completed the entry form you will have the option of pre-booking the PCR test that needs to be carried out at Tel Aviv airport. The cost for this is 80 ILS (approximately £20). It is possible to pay for this on arrival but this is more expensive and may cause delays for the rest of the group, so we would suggest pre-paying.

We will then remain at the hotel until we receive the result or until 24 hours after the test, whichever is sooner. We will remain together as a group and make full use of this time at Ohalo Manor. The location is right above the shore with beautiful views across the Sea of Galilee. During this time we will meet as a group and hear about the plans for the tour. The hotel restaurant serves excellent meals and we will enjoy dining together.

5. CHECK YOUR PASSPORT

For those who hold a British Citizen passport, you will not require a visa but you will need a full passport, which must be **valid for a minimum period of six months** from the date of entry into Israel. If you have a passport of a different nationality or status, please check with the Israeli embassy about your visa requirements and also whether you need any additional validity on your passport.

6. BEFORE RETURNING TO ENGLAND

In the 48 hours before we return to the UK, you will need to complete the UK passenger locator form <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk> and within 24 hours of departing you should complete the Israel exit form <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/exit-statement/> Our team on the holiday will be available to help with this.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF WE CAN HELP FURTHER WITH THE GUIDANCE

The information is based on the requirements at the time of writing. We would ask that you take responsibility for ensuring that you have all the necessary paperwork and tests for travel. We have included links so that you can check the current requirements and any changes nearer the time. We will also monitor any changes. For further details please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/israel/entry-requirements> - Israel entry requirements

We are going to have an excellent time exploring the Bible lands together - See you soon!

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